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Eligibility Recommended

Eligibility Not Recommended **XX**

Comments: THE FORM FOR MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICTS -
PAID BY STATE WAS REVIEWED 6/3/98. OPS
DOES NOT AGREE THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE.

Reviewer, OPS: *[Signature]*

Date: 6/3/98

Reviewer, NR Program: *[Signature]*

Date: 6/11/98

IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL
REGISTER.

**Kent County
Historic Site Summary Sheet**

Survey No. K-685
Name: Massey Crossroads Survey District
Location: Massey, Kent County
Date: ca. 1866-1930
Access: Not Applicable

Description

Massey is a crossroads village in Kent County on Maryland's Eastern Shore which dates to the introduction of the railroad in the late 19th century, although it may have originated in the late eighteenth century. It had a post office named for one of its residents, Daniel Massey. Its location at the convergence of the Kent County Railroad and the Kent and Queen Anne's Railroad fostered the construction of canneries and other businesses that were dependent on the railroad. The village does not survive at the crossroads of the rail lines and MD 313 but rather as a linear string of mostly mid-twentieth century dwellings along MD 313 south of the original crossing. The structures within the boundary of the crossroads settlement include modest early to mid-twentieth century frame dwellings, including examples of simple I-houses, bungalows and foursquare examples, plus a couple of apparently unused concrete block commercial/industrial structures in the northeast and southwest quadrants of the intersection of MD 313 and MD 299 (Massey-Maryland Line Road).

Significance

The Massey Crossroads Survey District is only marginally significant as a small village in Kent County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Despite its short-lived commercial viability the buildings convey little concrete association with the past as an Eastern Shore crossroads village as almost none of the early structures are extant. There are no identifiable commercial or educational buildings in the village. The sole non-residential structure (except for the post office) is St. Clement's Church (K-164), included within the historic survey district boundary. A vacant lot and an abandoned concrete block building dominate the actual crossroads of MD 313 and MD 299. The row of dwellings along MD 313, and along MD 299 east and west of the crossroads, are highly mixed in style, size, height and set-back from the road, thus there is little uniformity or unity of style. In addition, the structures extant in the village date to the early to mid-twentieth century, well after the heyday of the village as a viable trade and commercial center for the outlying farms.

**MD 313: Q. A. County Line to MD 299
Attachment 6
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**Determination of Eligibility
Massey Crossroads Survey District (K-685)**

The design and physical characteristics of the property were analyzed for its local significance in the area of architecture for the Eastern Shore during the Chronological/Developmental Periods of the Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870, the Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 and the Modern Era (1930-present). Research in Kent County historical materials and/or consultation with county historians did not identify any particular historical significance for this property.

The Massey Crossroads Survey District would not likely meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because of its lack of integrity. For resources to be considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register they must retain integrity of location, setting, feeling, materials, workmanship and association. Furthermore, they must meet one of four criteria: under Criterion A, broad patterns of history; Criterion B, associations with historic persons or events; Criterion C, embodiment of architectural style or construction methods and Criterion D, likely to yield information important to the study of history.

It is our determination that this property has lost the level of integrity requisite for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Although the property retains the ambiance of a rural crossroads, it has been compromised to the extent that it no longer convincingly conveys an association with the past. All of the educational and commercial/industrial functions for the village have disappeared. Large vacant lots and abandoned concrete block buildings dominate the actual crossroads of MD 313 and MD 299. The row of dwellings along MD 313 and along MD 299 east and west of the crossroads are highly mixed in style, size, height and set-back from the road, thus there is little uniformity or unity of style. In addition, the structures extant in the village, with the exception of St. Clement's Church, date to the early to mid-twentieth century, well after the heyday of the village as a viable trade and commercial center for the outlying farms.

The Massey Crossroads differs considerably from the Millington Survey District (K-684) to the south, which retains a rich association with its past as a rural crossroads town at the head of the Chester River and as a local market for goods and services. Millington supported a number of industries as it was the focus of rail, land and water borne commerce. These functions are still reflected in the buildings. Thus Millington retains tangible associations with its past through its buildings. It retains a range of structures (residential, commercial, religious, industrial, and educational), whereas

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Massey Crossroads

and/or common

2. Location

street & number along MD 313 and the Massey-Maryland Line Road N/A not for publication

city, town Massey _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state Maryland _____ county Kent

3. Classification

Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> object	Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> public <input type="checkbox"/> private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both Public Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input type="checkbox"/> being considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress Accessible <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> no	Present Use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> museum <input type="checkbox"/> park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious <input type="checkbox"/> scientific <input type="checkbox"/> transportation <input type="checkbox"/> other:
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple Owners

street & number _____ telephone no.: _____

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent _____ liber _____

street & number _____ folio _____

city, town Chestertown _____ state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date _____ ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Elements: ca. 30

Non-contributing Elements: ca. 6

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1754–1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 9.1

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 10Quadrangle name MillingtonQuadrangle scale 1:24,000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Properties which front MD 313 and the Massey-Maryland Line Road

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rita Suffness, Leader, Cultural RESources Grouporganization Maryland State Highway Administration date May 4, 1998street & number 707 N. Calvert Street telephone 410-545-8561city or town Baltimore state Maryland

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Massey, Kent County**

Description

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The town subsequently evolved not at the crossroads of the rail lines and MD 313 but rather as a linear string of mostly mid-twentieth century dwellings along MD 313 south of the original crossing. The structures within the boundary of the crossroads settlement include modest early to mid-twentieth century frame dwellings including examples of simple I-houses, bungalows and foursquare examples, plus a couple of apparently unused concrete block commercial/ industrial structures in the northeast and southwest quadrants of the intersection of MD 313 and MD 299 (Massey-MD Line Road). Besides the post office, housed in a new structure, the only currently used, non-residential structure is St. Clement's Church (K-164), located to the east of Massey along MD 299. The historic site boundary encompasses this previously identified historic structure.

The row of dwellings along MD 313 and along MD 299 east and west of the crossroads are highly mixed in style, size, height and set-back from the road. An example of a modest bungalow is located at 12180 MD 313. The boundary encompasses two previously identified dwellings, both located on the east side of MD 313: the Huey-Boyd House (K-640), and the Masey-Elliott House (K-616). They are by far the largest and most imposing structures in the village. The Huey-Boyd House was constructed in 1924 for I. F. Huey in an eclectic style influenced partly by the Prairie style and the popular foursquare style, likely according to a plan secured from a builder magazine or a pattern book. The Massey-Elliott House is an imposing structure built in 1906 and the only dwelling in the village which is not frame, but rather of brick construction. It features eclectic trim patterns as well, with stylistic references to the Colonial Revival style.

Non-contributing structures are located 12139, and 12075 MD 313, the Post Office plus 32840 Massey-MD. Line Road, and the mobile home next door to it.

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Although the property retains the ambiance of a rural crossroads, it has been compromised to the extent that it no longer convincingly conveys an association with the past. All of the educational and commercial/industrial functions for the village have disappeared. Large vacant lots and abandoned concrete block buildings dominate the actual crossroads of MD 313 and MD 299. The row of dwellings along MD 313 and along MD 299 east and west of the crossroads are highly mixed in style, size, height and set-back from the road, thus there is little uniformity or unity of style. In addition, the structures extant in the village, with the exception of St. Clement's Church, date to the early to mid-twentieth century, well after the heyday of the village as a viable trade and commercial center for the outlying farms.

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Significance

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supported a number of industries as it was the focus of rail, land and water borne commerce. Thus Millington retains tangible associations with its past through its buildings. Its history is reflected in its architecture, which embodies many types of buildings (commercial, residential, industrial, and educational), whereas Massey Crossroads retains a very narrow range of structures, types and styles and does not reflect what was evidently an illustrious but short lived history. .

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Kent County, Maryland**

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Statement of Significance

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Periods:

Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815

Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Religion

Resource Type:

Categories:

Standing Structures, Archeological Sites

Historic Environment: Rural

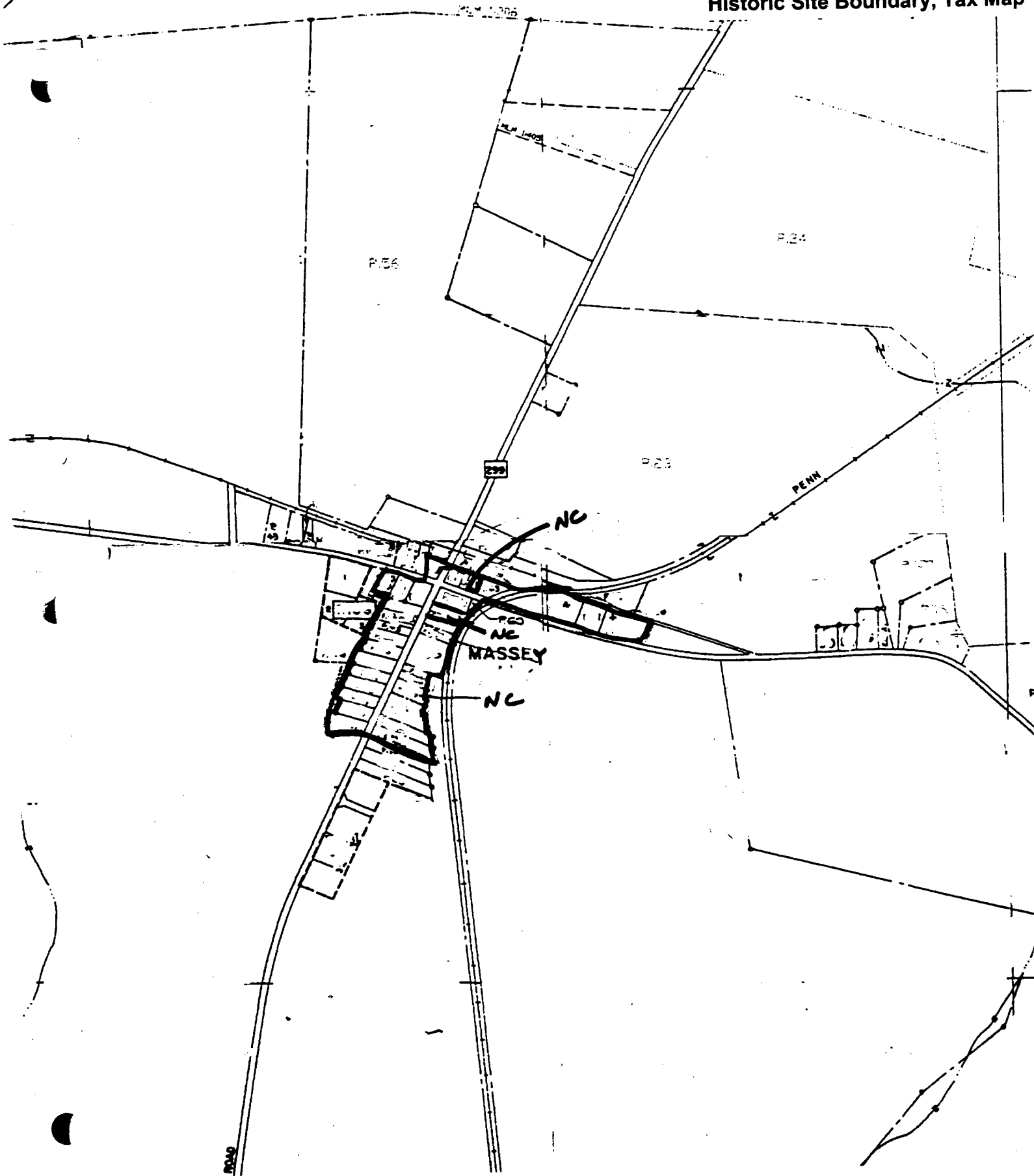
Historic Functions and Uses

Subsistence/Dwellings/Outbuildings

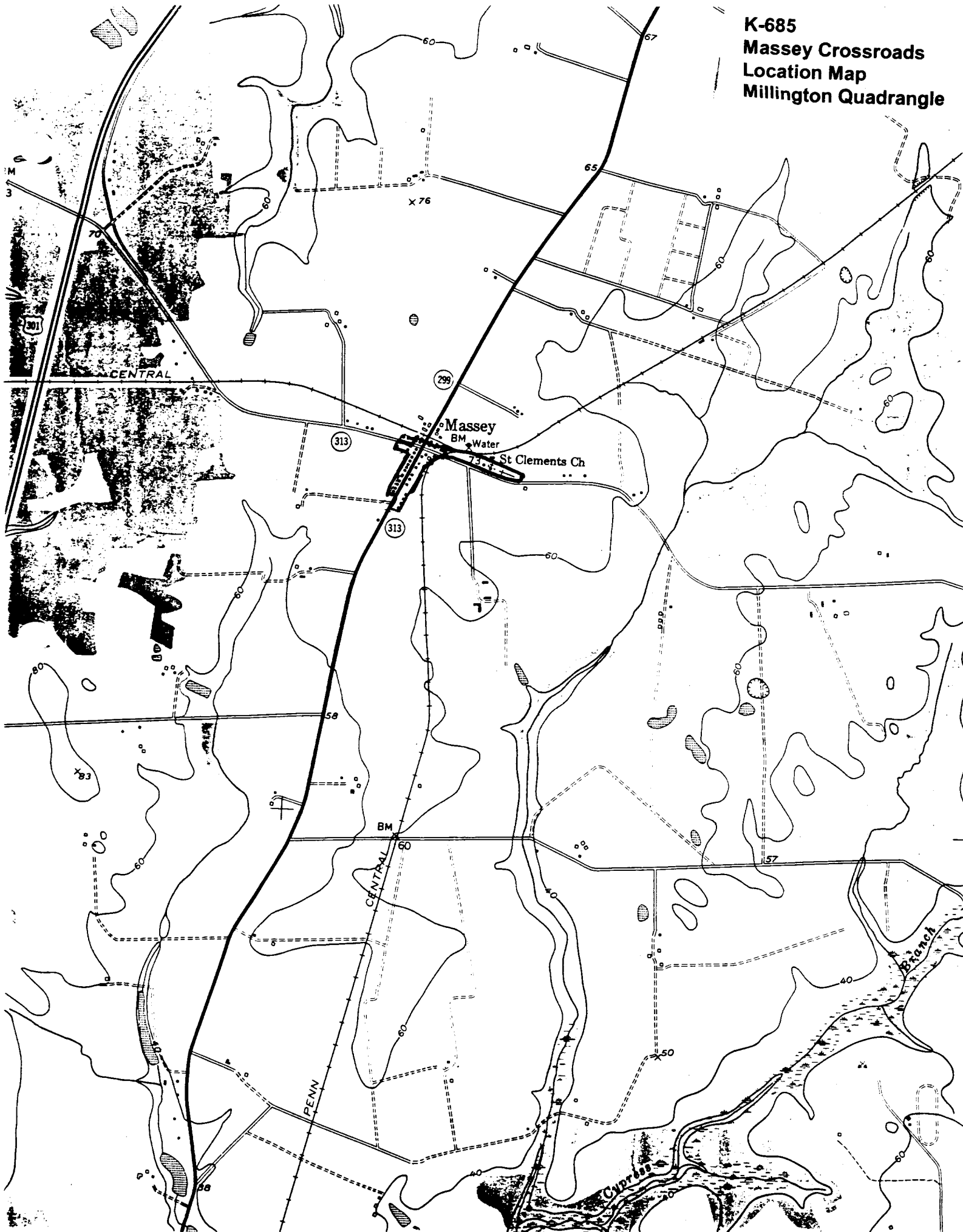
Religious/Church

Known Design Sources: None

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Massey Crossroads
Historic Site Boundary, Tax Map



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Massey Crossroads
Location Map
Millington Quadrangle





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Massey Crossroads Survey
District
Kent County

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MD313 Looking South -
Massey Streetscape

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Survey District

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R Suffern MD 51A

near at MD 51100

12125 MD 313

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Massey Crossroads

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Ruffin (MIDSH)

negs at MIDSH 20

N. end of district: MD 313

(east side) 1 kg south.

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Massey Crossroads Surrey
District

R Suffern 4/58

keys at 5 HPO

12180 P.O. 313 (Massey - Ind
Line Rd

4/0



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Marsey Crossroads Survey

District

R Suffern, 4198

MD SHPO

St Clements Church (K-184)

within survey district

looking north

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Massey Crossroad Survey
District

R. Suffer (MDS HPO) 4/98
Crossroads of Rd 313 and 299
looking north

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